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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000.
Instalment received, 925,765.62
New Shares, 925,765.62

RESERVE FUND, \$2,500,000.
Instalment of Premiums, 603,330.43
Paid on New Shares, 33,108,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. S. YOUNG, Esq.
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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
" 12 " 5 " " " "

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. HERMANN FRIEDRICH MEYERINK in our Firm ceased on the 1st January, 1884.

Mr. JOHANN HINRICH GARRELS is admitted a PARTNER from this date.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WILHELM REINERS, ceased on the 31st December, 1883.

Mr. MAX GROTE, Mr. CARL JANTZEN and Mr. STEPHAN C. MICHAELSEN, who have been Signers of the Firm, are admitted PARTNERS from this date.

Mr. J. GOESMANN is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of our Firm in Tamsui, Formosa. Mr. WILFRED CHRISTY is authorized to Sign on our behalf per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPIRAK & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. J. E. ELIAS a PARTNER in my Business. It will hereafter be conducted under the Style of "BELLIOS & Co."

E. R. BELLIOS.
Hongkong, January 2, 1884.

NOTICE.

MR. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEXANDER MC DONAGHIE are authorized to Sign our Firm from this date.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong and Foochow,
1st January, 1884.

FREDERIC ALGAR,
COLONIAL NEWSPAPER & COMMISSION AGENT,
11, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, LONDON.

THE Colonial Press supplied with News-papers, Books, Types, &c. Presses, Papers, Correspondents, Letters, and all European Goods on London Terms.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
Colonial Newspapers received at the office are regularly filed for the inspection of Advertisers and the Public.

Intimations.

Estate of JAMES HERTZ ZADICK JUST, Deceased.

ALL Persons INDEBTED to the late Mr. J. H. Z. JUST, of Kiangchow, are requested to make Payment, and Holders of Property which belonged to him to deliver the same, to the Undersigned. Creditors of the Estate are required to Furnish the Undersigned with Statutory Declarations in support of their CLAIMS on or before the 31st Instant.

J. N. JORDAN,
H. B. M. Acting Consul.
BRITISH CONSULATE,
Kiangchow, 10th January, 1884.

TENDERS will be Received at this Office until the 31st JANUARY, 1884, for SALVING the S.S. HYAL-YUEN'S TREASURE, about SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, sunk in the North of Hui-shan Islands on the 18th of December last.

The Tenders will be forwarded to Shanghai for acceptance.

CHINA MERCHANTS' S. N. Co.
Hongkong, January 17, 1884.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AS the Post of SECRETARY to the Company is about to become vacant Applications for same will be Received at the HEAD OFFICE up to 1st February next.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
WM. REINERS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

THIS CLUB will be formally OPENED on FRIDAY, the 1st of February, at 3 o'clock, by Lady BOWEN.

All Members are invited to attend. By the kind permission of Colonel Hobson and Officers the Band of the "Buffs" will be in attendance.

Hongkong, January 25, 1884.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Third Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, at 12 o'clock, Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of February, 1884, to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1883, and the Report of the General Manager.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on the 28th January to 6th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 19, 1884.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will NOT be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by a YOUNG MAN who goes by the Name of JOHN DREWES.

GEORGE HERMANN DREWES,
late Master of S.S. "Peking."

Hongkong, January 9, 1884.

THE MEDICAL HALL,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1853.

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ANALYTICAL CHEMIST:
DRUGS & CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, PERFUMERY, TOILET REQUISITES, &c., &c., &c.

Manufacturer of Aromatic Waters.

Medicine-chests supplied and refitted.

Hongkong, December 31, 1883.

SEE WOO,
TAILOR, DRAPER & OUTFITTER,
No. 55, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Has just Received by French Mail, CHRISTY'S BLACK, BROWN AND DRAB FELT HATS, AND TWEED HATS, (of all shapes).

All Kinds of PERFUMES and TOILET SOAPS.

All Sorts of GENTLEMEN'S WINTER CLOTHING, &c., &c.

DAWSON & SONS' GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

WHITE and COLOURED KID GLOVES.

Hongkong, December 3, 1883.

E. J. DURNY,
PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.

LESSONS given on the PIANO and ORGAN.

TERMS MODERATE.

Address: c/o THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE COMMISSION appointed to enquire into certain CHARGES of CORRUPTION which have recently been Publicly made against the OFFICERS of the Public Works Department has commenced its Sittings, and all Persons who have any information to give upon the subject matter of the Enquiry are invited to communicate with the SECRETARY. All such Communications if desired will be considered Confidential.

ARTHUR K. TRAVELIS,
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Hongkong, January 3, 1884.

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANTAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COCK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

For Sale.

PERFUMERY.

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

CHOICE MANILA CIGARS.

CRYSTAL TABLE WARE.

NEW DINNER SERVICES.

TABLE DECORATIONS.

NEW DUPLEX LAMPS.

SLOW COMBUSTION GRATES.

FENDERS and TILE HEARTHES.

LOCKS, BOLTS and HINGES.

LAWN MOWERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884.

SAYLE & Co.'s

SHOW-ROOMS.

We are now Showing on "Recent Arrivals."

BLACK SILKS, including the following reliable makes.

CASHMERE CLASSIQUE.

DRAP D'ITALIE.

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A Special Line in FANCY BROCHE SILKS at 85 Cents per yard.

BLACK and COLOURED DAMASES.

Specially Selected from the Best ENGLISH, FRENCH and GERMAN MARKETS.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Hongkong, January 17, 1884.

Intimations.

THE PATENT.

"FILTRE RAPIDE"

Organic and Inorganic Impurities, Lead, Copper, and Poisonous Gases.

It purifies the Water.

It can be taken to pieces and cleaned in every part.

It has been AWARDED Special Medal of Merit by the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain.

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Certificate of Merit International Medical and Sanitary Exhibition, Kensington.

Silver Medal Health Congress and Scientific Exhibition, Brighton.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1884.

TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONGKONG.

THE TRUSTEES of St. John's Cathedral find themselves compelled to appeal to the liberality of Residents here for assistance in providing the Cathedral with a New Organ, the Instrument at present in use being so far deteriorated by climatic causes as not to be worth the very extensive repairs which alone could make it serviceable. Its age must have been evident to those who have attended Divine Service for some time back, and it is doubtful whether it can be used much longer.

The Organ was built in 1800 and paid for by public subscription. An Organ ought, doubtless, to last much longer than 23 years in a good climate, but, besides the fact that the mistake seems to have been made in the first instance of selecting a cheap instrument, in 1800 makers knew even less than they do now about guarding against the effect of tropical heat and damp. Moreover, by the unfortunate creaking up of a roof gutter during a typhoon some 7 years ago, the interior of the Organ (even then beginning to break up) was deluged with water.

It is proposed to give the order to Messrs. WALKER & SONS, who have just successfully erected a fine Organ at Shanghai, and whose representative has himself seen the damage (incredible to the workman who has never been out of England) which years of this climate are capable of effecting.

The cost of an Organ suited to the Cathedral, laid down in Hongkong, and including the expenses of a skilled workman to come out and put it up, is estimated at \$2,000, say \$12,000. This sum will not be regarded as extravagant if it is borne in mind that pipes which in England are made of steel, glued together, here, for the East, to be made of mahogany, secured with brass screws, everything else being similarly modified. An Organ so prepared should last, with proper care and occasional removals of perishable parts, fifty or sixty years even in this climate.

It is evident that such a sum as \$12,000 cannot be provided out of the current revenues of the Cathedral, which only meets, and even that with difficulty, the current expenditure. The Trustees feel assured, however, that the Community will not feel disposed to see the only considerable Organ in the Colony disappear from our midst, and they make this Appeal not doubting to meet with the same success as their predecessors a quarter of a century ago in this climate.

Contributions may be forwarded to the Cathedral Treasurer, General Post Office, Hongkong; December 31, 1883.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of £10 Sterling per SHARE on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank. HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/- 8d, or \$53.93 per Share. INTEREST at the Rate of 7 per Centum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 15, 1883.

NOTICE.

H. CAMPBELL, late of Foochow, has the honor to inform the Gentry and Public of Hongkong that he has OPENED a FIRST-CLASS HAIRDRESSING SALON at BANK BUILDINGS, opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL.

MR. CAMPBELL'S Assistant, Messrs. DUTTON and OTTO, are thoroughly experienced in their Business, the former being from one of the leading San Francisco Establishments, while the latter was for many years connected with Mr. W. P. MOORE'S Establishment in Hongkong. Mr. CAMPBELL hopes, by strict attention to the wants of the Public, to merit a share of their Patronage.

Hongkong, January 24, 1884.

HOP SHING & Co.,
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c.

WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an experienced European.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED to 14 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 16, 1883.

SAILORS HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PARCELS will be thankfully received at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

Mr. Andrew Wind,
NEWS AGENT, &c.
138, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, Overland China Mail, and China Review.

For Sale.

FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAIL, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards.

CHOY CHEW,
220, PRATA WEST.

Hongkong, June 13, 1883.

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.

BY DR. E. J. EITEL.

CHOWS OCTAVO, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K \$2.50
Part II. K-M \$2.50
Part III. M-T \$3.00
Part IV. T-Y \$3.00

A Reduction of 10 per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of two or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanah's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, January 10, 1883.

PUBLICATIONS BY J. DYER BALL.

"CANTONESE MADE EASY"—A Book of SIMPLE SENTENCES in the CANTONESE DIALECT with French and English Translations, and Directions for Reading English Grammatical Forms into Chinese and vice versa.—Price, 8s. Interleaved Copies, \$2.50.

"We most cordially recommend it."—*China Mail*. "Will be found to supply a want long felt by students of Cantonese."—*Daily Press*. "Mr. BALL'S Notes on Chinese and Grammar will be found very valuable."—*China Mail*.

"EASY SENTENCES IN THE HAKKA DIALECT WITH A VOCABULARY."—Price, 8s.

FOR SALE at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, W. BARNES, and LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong; and at Messrs. THOMAS & Co., London.

Hongkong, January 23, 1884.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts \$20 per 1 doz. Case.
Pints \$21 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, December 20, 1883.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Laundrymen and Gentlemen, can be had at this Office.—Price, 8s. each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

To Let.

TO LET.

No. 25B, PRATA CENTRAL.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 20, 1884.

TO LET.

PRATA EAST AND WANGHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to STEINSEN & Co.
Hongkong, April 26, 1883.

TO LET.

ROOMS at No. 55, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Apply to MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 10, 1884.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

For further Particulars apply to Messrs. BUSSETT & Co.

TO LET.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

TO LET.

A GODOWN, in BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to C. P. CHATER.
Hongkong, January 6, 1884.

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(With Immediate Possession.)

No. 25B, PRATA CENTRAL, suitable for OFFICES.

Apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, January 5, 1884.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISARIAT),
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA.

CALIFORNIA
BACON
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.
Apple BUTTER.
EASTON'S CHEESE.
COFFEE, Biscuits,
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb kegs.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 24 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robinson's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb's TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCROTASH.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
LOBSTERS.
OYSTERS.
HONEY.
Assorted JELLIES.
Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.
400 lb. Capacity.
600 lb. "
900 lb. "
1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.
AXES and HATCHETS.
AGATE IRON WARE.
WAFLE IRONS.
SMOOTHING IRONS.
PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPAREIL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from
ENGLAND.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
STORES,
including:
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
MINCEMEAT.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.
TERRA D'OR DESSERT FRUITS.
Pudding RAISINS.
Lancie CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.
PICKLED HORSE RADISH.
FAT DE POIE GRAS.
SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.
BEANS.
CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARET.
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, plus & quart.
1863 GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES & PORT.
SACCO'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACCO'S OLD INVALID PORT.
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUBOIS & Co.'s BRANDY.
FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KAY'S LI WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
BOON'S OLD TOM.
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NORRIS PRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH.
CHAMPAGNE GINGER BRANDY.
CHATEAU D'OR.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, Bitter and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SANDERS, plus and quart.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, plus and quart.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

SALE and PORTER, in hogsheds.

SPECIALTY SELECTED
CIGARS.
Five New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILBURN'S PATENT FIREPROOF
SAVES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.
Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

Mails.



YAMATO MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,
VIA INLAND SEA.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-
HAMA and VLADIVOSTOK.)

THE S.S. KUMAMOTO MARU, Capt.
DACHMOND, due here on or about the
20th instant, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 1st February, at 4 p.m.
Cargo received on board and Parole at
the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.
All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.
Cargo and Passengers for Yokohama
will be transferred to the Shanghai Mail
Steamer at Kobe, and for Vladivostok at
Nagasaki.
For further Particulars, apply to the
Company's Agents, Messrs. Russell & Co.,
Floor of Messrs. Russell & Co.
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 142



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON;
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERKIAN,
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
PRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
BRINDISI, Captain J. REEVES, with
Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY
and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the
5th February, at 4 p.m.
Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.
Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.
Silk and Valuable for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo; Tea and Gen-
eral Cargo for London will be conveyed
via Bombay without transhipment, arriving
one week later than by the ordinary direct
route via Colombo.
For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.
Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Bill of Lading.
N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Pas-
sengers for MARSEILLES.
A. MOYER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 26, 1884. 162

CAPORAL CIGARETTES.
A SUPPLY of the above in Good Order
has just been Received.
A. S. WATSON & Co.,
Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, January 26, 1884. 5

TO-day's Advertisements.
EAST POINT SUGAR REFINERS'
CUPS.

HANDICAPPED RACE FOR YACHTS
and DECKED BOATS under 10
Tons, on SATURDAY, 2nd February, 1884.

COURSE:
Start from Naval Coal Sheds round a mark
boat off Green Island, thence round
Channel Islands and finish at Mesmer.
Start half past twelve sharp.
Entries to be sent to Mr. A. C. Mox, East
Point, not later than Thursday afternoon.
Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 175

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. JAN. 20, 1884.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Dividend.	Quota- tion, Cash.
H.K. and S. S. Bank	60,000	125	125	3,198,338	52,509.62	£2	170 = \$337
INSURANCE	5,000	200	£ 50	...	...	...	TL1350 p. sh.
New China Ins.	8,000	25	£ 25	£ 50,000	...	...	18 = TL1000
Yong-tai Ins. Co.	2,000	125	125	500,000	576,391.00	18.25	\$820
China Traders'	24,000	83.33	25	600,000	107,411.65	22	\$178
C. S. Ins. Office	10,000	200	50	...	...	10	\$107
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	1,000	200	100,378	3,907.18	2	\$200
H.K. Fire Ins.	8,000	250	50	861,000	250,732.66	820	\$385
China Fire Ins.	20,000	100	20	600,000	106,306.49	83.00	\$74
STEAM COMPANIES							
H.K. and M. Steamship	8,000	100	75	200,000	41,320.95	6	\$123
Indo-China S. S. Co.	120,000	10	10	...	...	...	25 p. dis.
China & Malacca S. S. Co., Ltd.	3,500	100	all	...	...	...	par.
MISCELLANEOUS							
H.K. & W. P. Dock	10,000	125	125	18,000	2,063.04	4	54 p. prem.
H.K. and China Gas Co.	5,000	10	10	7,758.14	1,144.18	9	\$34 p. share
H.K. and S. S. Co.	9,000	100	100	30,000	5,895.56	83	\$150
China Sugar Co.	9,000	100	100	...	...	...	\$127
H.K. and S. S. Co.	1,500	100	100	15,250	687.06	12	\$155
H.K. and S. S. Co.	600	50	50	4,000	253.45	8	\$82
Yong-tai Sugar Co.	7,000	100	100	...	...	...	\$400.66
Park Tin Mining & Smelting Company	3,000	50	all	...	...	...	First year Payable
LOANS							
Chi. Imp., 1874	6,276	100	all	...	...	...	June & Dec. 31
" 1877	16,940	100	all	...	...	...	Feb. 28 & Aug. 31
" 1878	3,829	100	all	...	...	...	Apr. & Oct.
" 1881	8,668	100	all	...	...	...	June & Dec. 10
Sugar Deben- tures, 1880	...	500	all	...	...	...	June & Dec. 2 p. prem.

* For 6 months to 30th June.—Dividend for 1883 and Bonus of 25 per cent.—To 30th April 1883.—1 For half year ended 30th June 1883.
EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Tener," Captain Power, will be
despatched at Noon TO-
MORROW, the 30th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 172

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIEN-
TSIN, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTZE.)
The Co.'s Steamship
"Avonmore," Captain Power, will be
despatched on or about the 4th February.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 173

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND
SOURABAYA, VIA SAIGON
AND PONTIANAK.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Compas," Captain RUTHERFORD, will be
despatched as above on or about the 7th February.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 166

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Hector," Captain BILLINGS, will be
despatched on or about the 15th February.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 174

UNION LINE.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Steamship
"Scandinavia," Captain Fowler, will be
despatched for the above
Port on or about FRIDAY, the 15th
February.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 168

COMPTON D'ESCOMPTES DE PARIS.
MR. J. ARRANGER has been appointed
Agent for this Bank, in Hongkong.
E. G. VOULLEMONT,
Manager.
Shanghai, 23rd January, 1884. 167

IMPERIAL CHINESE TELEGRAPH
ADMINISTRATION.
ON and after the 1st day of 1st Moon of
the 10th Year of Kwong-si (January
28th, 1884), the TARIFF RATE on Messages
carried by the Lines of this Company, both
Canton and Hongkong will be charged 10
Cents or a Dollar per each word whether
English or Chinese.

CHU CHOW SHU,
Manager.
Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration,
Hongkong Station.
Hongkong, January 28, 1884. 170

IMPERIAL CHINESE TELEGRAPH
ADMINISTRATION.
IT is hereby notified that on and after
the 1st day of the 1st Moon of the 10th
Year of Kwong-si (January 28th, 1884),
the TARIFF RATE charged for one MESSAGE
containing seven words or less, will be con-
sidered and charged as seven words; if
more the Charge will be according to the
TARIFF RATE per each word.

CHU MIEN,
Manager.
Imperial Chinese Telegraph Administration,
Canton Station.
Hongkong, January 28, 1884. 171

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6%, or
\$4.50 per Share, declared at the
Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Share-
holders held this Day, will be Payable
at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION on and after TO-MORROW
(WEDNESDAY), the 30th instant.
SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at
the Office of the Company for WARRANTS.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 176

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.
QUARANTINE IN EUROPE.
PASSENGERS and SHIPPERS by the
above Company's Steamers are in-
formed that QUARANTINE ENFORCEMENTS
have been reduced at MARSEILLES to 24
hours, (performed on board the Steamer),
and at VENICE to 3 days.
QUARANTINE will probably be removed
from all ports by the time Steamers now
leaving China will arrive in the Mediter-
ranean.
PASSENGERS by the Company's Steamers
have always the option of continuing the
journey on to London, on payment of the
difference of fare.
A. MOTVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 169

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ANNETTIN, Italian barque, Captain F.
Repetto.—Musso & Co.
BONNIE LAMIE, British barque, Capt. F.
Clarke.—Gilmann & Co.
CHARLEY, British barque, Captain J. C.
O'Keefe.—Order.
DAKOTA, American ship, Captain J. F.
Giles.—Order.
MAIRE LOUISE, German barque, Capt. N.
Behring.—Melchers & Co.
QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt.
J. M. Maher.—Butterfield & Swire.
SELENDIA, British steamer, Captain
Fowler.—Russell & Co.
TITANIA, Austro-Hungarian str., Captain
G. Marasch.—Melchers & Co.
WILHELM, German barque, Captain W.
Spangenberg.—Siemens & Co.
WILHELM HOMER, Ger. barque, Capt.
W. Holtz.—G. R. Lommert.

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
January 20, 1884.—
Venezuela, German steamer, 612, F.
Boysen, Hoilo Jan. 23, Ballast.—WILSON
& Co.

January 27.—
Sia Kolgo, British barque, 541, L. Bang,
Kuchinotzu Jan. 18, Coal.—CAPTAIN.
Triumph, German steamer, 673, Schult,
Macao Jan. 27.—WILSON & Co.

Djennah, French steamer, 2,431, do
Boissel-Baron, Shanghai Jan. 24, Mails
and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
Douglas, British steamer, 982, Samuel
Ashton, Poochow Jan. 25, Amoy 25, and
Swatow 26, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
CO.
Bangal, British steamer, 1353, G. Roy,
Saigon Jan. 22, Rice.—ADAMSON, BELL
& Co.

Don Juan, Spanish steamer, 665, Jose M.
Marquez, Manila Jan. 23, and Amoy 26,
General.—BRANDAO & Co.
Lee Yuen, Chinese steamer, 734, C. Sims,
Shanghai Jan. 23, and Swatow 26, Gen-
eral.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Wells, German steamer, 303, E. Finner,
Hoioh Jan. 27, General.—WILSON & Co.
Moray, British steamer, 1,427, W. Dun-
can, Saigon Jan. 23, Rice.—ADAMSON,
BELL & Co.

January 29.—
Cassandra, German steamer, 1667, H.
Lindemann, Saigon Jan. 24, Rice.—Sims-
on & Co.
Tener, British steamer, 1,324, Power,
Shanghai and Poochow Jan. 27, General.—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Diamante, British steamer, 514, F. J.
Stuck, Manila Jan. 24, General.—RUSSELL
& Co.

Paul Revere, American ship, 1787, Muller,
Manila Jan. 26, Kerosine.—CAPTAIN.
Glucksbury, German steamer, 917, Bertel-
son, Bangkok Jan. 19, Rice.—ORDER.
Saghalien, French steamer, 2,880, Hon-
nery, Marseilles Dec. 23, Naples 25, Port
Said 30, Suez Jan. 1, Aden 7, Colombo 16,
Singapore 22, and Saigon 26, Mails and
General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DEPARTURES.
January 27.—
Europa, for Nagasaki.
Wilhelm, for New York.
Beneath, for Singapore.
Beneath, for Saigon.
Saghalien, for Hongkong.
Hector, for Shanghai.

January 28.—
Chinkiang, for Shanghai.
Kwanglo, for Shanghai.
Compas, for Amoy.

January 29.—
Cruzeador, for Saigon.
Djennah, for Marseilles &
Marseilles, for Kuchinotzu.

CLEARED.
Fodoritz Hay, for Tientsin.
Teucer, for Singapore, &c.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVALS.
Per Djennah, from Shanghai; for Hong-
kong, Messrs J. Arranger, and Gordon.
Per J. O. Hou, Messrs F. Gilmann, and
Behrmann, J. H. Allot, J. Carlson, Copp
and child, and 7 Chinese; for Suez, Dr F.
C. Sibbald; for Marseilles, Mr and Mrs
Bradfield, Messrs J. Dunn, and Tournier.

Per Douglas, from Coos Bay, Messrs
Huhn and Unsworth, and 3 Chinese.
Per Ben Juan, from Manila and Amoy,
6 Europeans, and 4 Chinese.
Per Lee Yuen, from Shanghai and Swa-
tow, 4 Chinese.
Per Moray, from Saigon, Captain Lewis,
and 14 Chinese.
Per Tener, from Shanghai and Poochow,
2 Europeans, and 12 Chinese.
Per Diamante, from Manila, Messrs Sib-
by and Workman.
Per Glucksbury, from Bangkok, 3 Chi-
nese.
Per Saghalien, for Hongkong; from Mar-
seilles, Mr and Mrs Madeo and servant;
from Singapore, Mr Evans and servant, and
3 Chinese; from Saigon, Mr Philipp, and 3
Chinese.
Per Yokohama: from Marseilles,
Messrs. Mr Leat, Roy, Coq, Messrs Georges,
Tehon Tehon and servant, and Haggie;
from Calcutta, Mr Lemaire (French Consul
General) and Mrs Lemaire; from Singapore,
Mr J. O. Duhon.

DEPARTED.
Per Beneath, for Singapore, 450 Chi-
nese.
Per Compas, for Amoy, 2 Europeans, and
2 Chinese.
Per Saghalien, for Hongkong, 10 Chinese.
Per Chinkiang, for Shanghai, 1 European,
and 25 Chinese.
Per Kwanglo, for Shanghai, 9 Euro-
peans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer Douglas reports:
Left Nagasaki for Hongkong, the 22nd, str.
Yuen and Lee Yuen, and H. M. S. For-
ebound at Poochow. Amoy on the 23rd,
H.M.S. Cleopatra, and French frigate
Triomphante. Swatow on 26th, H.M.S.
Essex, and S. S. Thales. Light variable
winds, fine weather and smooth sea through-
out.

The British steamer Bengat reports:
First part strong monsoon, latter fine and
moderate.
The Chinese steamer Lee Yuen reports:
From Shanghai to Swatow, moderate and
fresh N.E. and thick drizzling rainy weather.
From Swatow light N.E. and E.S.E. and
fine weather. On 23rd, spoke
the Poochow bound for Shanghai, in Boreham
Pass. On 26th, spoke Sin Kolgo of Single
Island.

The British steamer Moray reports:
Fresh N.E. monsoon and head sea.
The German steamer Cleopatra reports:
Fine weather and moderate Northerly winds
all the voyage.
The British steamer Tener reports:
Moderate N.E. wind and cloudy weather.
The British steamer Diamante reports:
Left Manila on 24th inst., with ship Paul
Deere in tow, had light variable winds and
fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per Masauiz, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednes-
day, the 30th inst.
For HIOGO.—
Per Kermania, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednes-
day, the 30th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.—
Per Douglas, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday,
the 30th inst.
For AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.—
Per Kermania, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday,
the 31st inst., instead of as pre-
viously notified.

For MANILA.—
Per Don Juan, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 1st February.
For NAGASAKI AND KOBE.—
Per Kumamoto Maru, at 3.30 p.m., on
Friday, the 1st Feb.

For NAGASAKI, HIOGO, AND YOKO-
HAMA.—
Per Kusanagi, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday,
the 7th February.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS-
LAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNS-
VILLE, DARWIN, SYDNEY,
AND MELBOURNE.—
Per Eucine, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 8th February, instead of as previous-
ly notified.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet Brindis
will be despatched on TUESDAY, the
5th February, with Mails for the
United Kingdom, Europe, and countries
beyond, and Brindis to the Straits Settle-
ments, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India,
Aden, Egypt, Malak, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the
Australasian Colonies.

HOURS OF CLOSING
THE ENGLISH MAIL
The following hours are observed in closing
Mails, &c., by the British Contract
Packet:—
Day of Departure.—
Noon.—Money Order Office closes.
2 p.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.
Posting of all printed matter and
patterns ceases.
3 p.m.—Mail closed, except for Late
Letters.
3.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 10 cents until
3.30 p.m.—When the Post Office closes
entirely.
3.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted
on board the packet with Late
Fee of 10 cents until time of
departure.

Money Orders.
1.—Money Orders are exchanged with
the following countries:—
Ceylon. South Australia.
India. Straits Settlements.
Japan. Tasmania.
New South Wales. United Kingdom.
Port Darwin. Victoria.
Queensland. Western Australia.

2.—The Hongkong Post Office also issues
orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.
3.—The commission is as follows (ac-
cording to the currency the order is drawn
in):—
Up to £ 2, or \$10, or £ 20.....0.20 cents.
" £ 5, or \$25, or £ 50.....0.40 "
" £ 10, or \$50, or £ 100.....0.60 "
" £ 20, or \$100, or £ 200.....0.80 "
" £ 50, or \$250, or £ 500.....1.00 "
" £ 100, or \$500, or £ 1000.....1.20 "

4.—No Order must exceed £10 or \$50
(unless drawn on India, when £150 is the
limit), nor will more than two such orders
be issued to the same person, in favour of
the same payee, by the same mail.

5.—Sums not exceeding \$50 may be re-
mitted between

The China Merchants' steamer *Puwei* arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 22nd January bringing the large number of 1,880 native troops from Nanking and Chinkiang. After leaving about 500 of these Native soldiers at Foochow, the *Puwei* was to be despatched on the 22nd January to Taiwan.

A number of French military officers have been occupied for several weeks past purchasing horses in the Singleton and Hunter River districts (N. S. Wales) for service in connection with the proposed Franco-Chinese campaign. Amongst the number are Captain Basse, aide-de-camp to the Governor of New Caledonia, and Captain Marins Artigues, of the French Artillery.

Messrs. Ludwig and Truett, of the firm of Ludwig & Co., Yokohama, have been arrested by order of the Swiss Consul, on the demand of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to account for alleged nefarious transactions in the hypothecation of certain Chinese companies. Amongst the number are Captain Basse, aide-de-camp to the Governor of New Caledonia, and Captain Marins Artigues, of the French Artillery.

It should be distinctly understood that the subscription now in circulation in Shanghai is on behalf of the families of all those who were lost in the *Huang-pen*, and not on behalf of any particular individual. Nearly two hundred persons were drowned, and there are therefore many widows and orphans to provide for. Of the six Europeans lost, three were married and had children, the captain two, the chief engineer five, and the third engineer three.—*Shanghai Courier*.

It is announced that three British steamers have already been chartered to take patent fuel from Dunkirk to Saigon, in view of the approaching war between France and China. When war breaks out steamers naturally expect that there will be a great demand for freight to the Far East, and there are therefore many widows and orphans to provide for. Of the six Europeans lost, three were married and had children, the captain two, the chief engineer five, and the third engineer three.—*Shanghai Courier*.

JAPAN continues to make progress. Messrs Jackson and Graham have just completed an order to furnish the Japanese Palace in European style. Those who take an interest in such matters will find it worth while to stroll as far as Oxford-street, where the articles designed for the Palace may be seen. The hall-room is to be decorated with white silk with coloured bouquets, gilt chairs upholstered to match the hangings. The border is mahogany, upholstered in silk velvet. The style of the whole is simple, but of the richest description. It is worthy of note that all the silk was made in Spitalfields.—*Figaro*.

VIC-ADMIRAL George O. Willes has issued the following Hydrographical Memo, dated Hongkong, 14 January, 1884:—“The following information relating to the navigation of the Canton River is promulgated for general information and guidance. The Chinese authorities intend blocking the Cambridge Reach between Louis Island and Flat Island No. 4, for the purpose of torpedo exercise, &c. They further purpose placing a battery across the river in the Canton Reach, leaving in the middle a passage for vessels in deep water. Her Majesty's ships and vessels are no longer to use the Cambridge Reach and are to be careful to avoid collision with the wooden barrier.”—*Shanghai Mercury*.

It is expected that the following ironclads, cruisers, and torpedo-boats, now being constructed in the French dockyards, will be completed during the present year:—The *Comie* and the ironclad *Vauban*, at Cherbourg; the ironclad *Verdun* and the cruiser *Hyacinthe*, at Brest; the cruiser *Alejo*, at Lorient; the ironclad *Touquet*, at Rochefort; the ironclad *Calmar* and *Foudroyant*, at Toulon; the cruiser *Arctique*, at Toulon; the cruiser *Brion*, the gunboats *Lion* and *Scorpion*, the *Railleur*, and five torpedo-boats at M. M. Normand & Co.'s dockyard, the torpedo-boat *Girarde*, the *Magellan*, the *Calcutta*, and *Milan*, constructed by the Société La Girarde, the cruisers *Bobin* and *La Terquino*, constructed by the Société Dyle et Bacalan.

We (Queenlander) have been shown a pamphlet, apparently printed for private circulation, which has been received by a gentleman in town. It consists of reprints from various newspapers of their comments on the departure of Sir Arthur and Miss Kennedy from Queensland, and reports of the farewell ceremonies. The collection of these extracts has evidently been a labour of love, and the abundance and tenor of the notices must have been gratifying to the compiler. It has not only the lot of many colonial Governors to attract so much personal liking and esteem as Sir Arthur Kennedy excited, and these sentiments are fully expressed in the extracts under notice, taken from a wide range of colonial and some English newspapers. The publication will be welcomed and read with interest by the many friends of our late Governor in this colony.

GENERAL Booth gives, in the *Full Mail Gazette*, the following description of the daily proceedings at the headquarters of the Salvation Army in London:—“But next of the hundred odd persons engaged at headquarters rarely see the inside of the prayer-room after their own special staff prayer-meeting at the commencement of the day for this is a busy place. The other day we received and sent out no less than 1,546 letters, telegrams, and book-packets, though our publishing business occupies two houses, 8 and 9, Paternoster-square, besides. From the first floor, where cashier, accountants, and book-keepers all work under the direction of Sir Arthur, the clerks, who audit our accounts, balance sheets, through the second, third, and fourth floors, where the editors of the *War Cry* toil through miles of MS. written in midnight hours by noble labourers who cannot afford to sleep, and clerks pore over deeds which have been bargained for, where architects come to plan new barracks to be built with borrowed money, or to be evolved from some building hither known as a warehouse, a barn, a mill, or a tank; where staff captains counselously examine the credentials and correspondence of candidates for promotion, to be local secretaries, treasurers, sergeants, or bandmen or to become commissioned officers; where secretaries and shorthand writers make all the multifarious correspondence and carry on the enormous daily correspondence needed for the Army with 630 corps, 103 of them abroad—all through the twenty-nine apartments of the building each day full of work.”

THE HONGKONG CANTON, AND MAOAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held this afternoon. Those present were:—Messrs E. R. Belliss, (Chairman); Mr. Hon. F. B. Johnson, B. McIvor, and Mr. Groto, (Directors); E. George, J. F. C. de Rosa, J. C. de Cunha, F. A. Ozorio, M. B. Polishwalla, J. B. Gomes, Jr., H. Kamaal, V. C. de Rocha, A. S. Cohen, J. M. Armstrong, A. F. Pereira, J. E. Machado, J. C. dos Remedios, W. Dolan, M. A. da Carvalho, M. M. Guedes, R. Mourante, and J. P. da Costa, (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The Chairman said:—With your permission we will take the report as read. Referring to the accounts I may remind you that all extraordinary repairs provided for therein were anticipated in our report of a twelve months ago, with the exception of an unforeseen expenditure of about \$8,000, necessary for the wheel of the *Honam*. This is independently of any sum the underwriters will have to contribute. Here on the table is a report from experts of this Colony, a perusal of which will convince you that the accident arose not from any faulty construction of the vessel, but it is surmised from the wheel coming into violent contact with some hard submerged substance while the steamer was going full speed ahead. It will be remembered that a few days prior to this mishap a gale passed over the district, and in all probability wreckage of some kind was floating under the surface of the water when the steamer passed across the spot where the accident occurred. The repairs on the *Honam* will be completed within a fortnight, and that steamer will resume her berth on the Canton-Macao line. Irrespective of what the papers have said that the war now being waged in Tonquin will not disturb the trade in these waters our agents in Canton write:—“We learn from Her Majesty's Consul that the Chinese authorities have verbally asserted their intention to leave an opening in other reach of 115 Chinese feet, or say 75 feet.” This will satisfy you, gentlemen, that the blocking of the Canton River by the Chinese authorities need give us no apprehension, because the passage left will be ample for the purpose of navigating our steamers safely through it, and therefore, the traffic will remain uninterrupted. I have no further remarks to make, but will be glad to answer questions.

Mr. Groto:—The report of the Directors is very good in every way, but the majority of the shareholders certainly expected that in face of the continued prosperity of the Company, the strong position it has attained, and the efficiency of its boats, the former rate of dividend, 15 per cent., would be reverted to, instead of again paying the smaller rate, which has been declared for the past seven years merely for the purpose of keeping a reserve fund. It is not merely on my own behalf I speak; it is on behalf of shareholders of limited means whom my firm represents, and to whom an increase of dividend would be of great importance.

After briefly conversing with the other directors at table, the Chairman said:—The security of the Company should be of great importance to the shareholders. As your agents, who rate upon the income of the Company, have it in their power to consider whether or not it would be judicious and good policy to declare a larger dividend.

Mr. Groto:—Very well.

The Chairman:—I understand your motion is in reference to the future, not to the present report.

Mr. Groto:—Yes, certainly.

The Chairman:—At the next half yearly meeting the matter will be favourably taken into consideration. As there are no other questions proposed, and that the report be adopted and the accounts passed.

Mr. Armstrong seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. McIvor, seconded by Mr. Groto, the appointment of Mr. M. W. Belliss, who has gone home, was unanimously confirmed by the meeting.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson proposed, and Mr. Rocha seconded, the election of Messrs L. Hauschild and F. Arnold as Auditors. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then, in his usual business, gentlemen, and I have to thank you for your attendance, and to announce that the dividends will be payable to-morrow.

Mr. Dolan:—Before we adjourn, I beg to propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

This was given by acclamation, and the Chairman, having returned thanks, the meeting separated.

ABANDONMENT OF THE “G. C. TRUFANT.”

By the arrival of the German steamer *Triumph*, Captain Schultze, from Macao on Sunday last, bringing Captain Connor, two ships' officers and fifteen shipwrecked seamen, information was brought of the abandonment, for a second time, of the sailing ship *G. C. Trufant*. On the 7th September last, the *Trufant* stranded on the Fiery Cross Reef, and was ultimately abandoned at Port Barton. Subsequently she was floated and towed into Manila, where she was sold to Messrs McLeod & Co. After undergoing a few repairs which were absolutely necessary before she could put to sea, she left Manila on the evening of the 16th instant, with 400 tons of ballast, in charge of Captain Connor, for Hongkong, where it was intended she should be thoroughly overhauled. Fine weather was enjoyed and everything went well until early on the morning of the 20th instant, when Cape Bolinao was sighted. The wind then increased, and the following day at noon it was discovered that the ship was making one foot and a half of water per hour. Despite the efforts of the crew with the pumps the water in the hold continued to increase, and the vessel also became unmanageable. On Tuesday morning, the 22nd, it was decided to abandon the ship, the wreck of the crew being almost completely knocked up with incessant work at the pumps and sails, and at four o'clock a boat was launched, but owing to the heavy sea that was running, it was smashed against the ship's side and a French sailor, who was the only occupant, was drowned. An

hour later, the long boat was launched with difficulty, and all hands, eighteen in number, succeeded in getting into her, taking with them 100 lbs of biscuit, wet with salt water, and about eight gallons of fresh water. After standing by the ship for four hours, by which time the water had risen to the ship's beam, and the lee rail was under water, a course was set for Hongkong, which was about 115 miles to the N.W. of the position where the *Trufant* was abandoned. A very heavy sea was running at the time, and the work of navigating the little craft was a difficult task. It was attended by no mishap, however, and the following afternoon, at four o'clock, land was sighted. It was thought more prudent to remain in the boat than to land at once and the boat was kept on her course until four o'clock the following afternoon, (24th) when a landing was effected at St. John's Island. Here the worn out mariners received all the aid and comfort that was in the power of the Roman Catholic Father stationed on the island to give. After resting until Saturday morning, by which time they were immensely refreshed, they left in their boat for Macao at five o'clock. At nine o'clock they were picked up by a Chinese galleon, which was enroute about, and taken to Macao, where the authorities treated them with the greatest kindness, the Harbour-master and the British Consul doing everything in their power to render them as comfortable as possible. The whole crew, circumstantially taken on board the *Triumph* in launches provided by the Harbour-master, and brought on to Hongkong. With the exception of Captain Connor, all the crew are quartered at the Sailor's Home, where they are receiving every attention from Mr. White. The first and second officers, the carpenter and eight of the seamen who were on board the *Trufant*, were shipwrecked in the *John M. Simpson*, only a few weeks before. The majority of the crew were unable to wear a single article of their property, and are much in need of help.

We are sorry to learn that Captain Connor, whose health has not been robust for some time past, is very poorly, and he requires medical attendance.

NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 14.

I see the Queen's income amounts to £350,000 per annum. Her Majesty must be immensely wealthy. Rather a difference between this salary and that accorded to the President of the American Republic. The Prince of Wales derives from various sources £110,000 a year, which should help him to keep up that state which no Englishman grudges him.

What are we to believe? A Philadelphia correspondent now writes to say that the telegram published in England with regard to Mr. Irving's engagement in New York have created amusement and disgust on that side of the Atlantic. They are said to be absolutely untrue and malicious. The success of the engagement has been unprecedented. The total receipts for the month were enormous.

We may expect over here very shortly a novel sensation. “The Princess Piguetelli” at the Oxford may seem a little strange, but nevertheless it is likely to happen. This lady has already signed an engagement with an English manager for £100 per month and expenses paid for two songs each evening. This lady is of the highest birth and has been forced by stress of circumstances first to appear at a French café and now to accept a similar engagement here.

Mr. Charles de Leseps has not been a success over here. More people than the English people on the Seine found his temper bad and his manners doubtful. He was treated here with the greatest courtesy, and it is probable that the old gentleman will not again contrast his son with such doleful negotiations.

The Duke of Bedford's agent has chosen a singularly bad time to remove the roofs of the tapestries occupied by the wrecked paupers in the parlours of Covent Garden to secure their ventilation. When all London is distressed by graphic art in the papers, which have opened our eyes to the terrible way our poor are housed, worse off than cattle in their pens, the policy of his Grace's agent cannot fail to bring a hornet's nest about his noble ears. The enormous sum asked for, but refused by the Corporation of London for the Covent Garden site is still unpleasantly prominent in people's memories. These are not the days when our aristocracy can play their cards recklessly.

They say that the hits at the Universal Provider, Mr. Witley, in *Truth's* Christmas Number, are not unlikely to form the subject of a libel case in our Courts. Surely “Libby” is far too clever.

I have been wearing a pair of Argosy Brasces, one of the million caught by the extensive advertisement. The only advantage I can see in them is, they are less likely to give me an extra bend forwards or downwards, while to put on they are an unmitigated nuisance.

Patti's diamonds and Patti's dresses are creating much interest in New York. Her establishment is extensive and expensive. She has ten rooms on *side* at the most fashionable hotel in the American Capital, a man of business, a secretary, two or three dressers, maids by the half dozen—and no more.

Irving is drawing enormous houses; “The Silver King” is nightly attended to overflowing. Patti at the Academy is a huge success. Mr. Abbey is an enterprising actor and is being well repaid the enormous salaries he pays to his artists from England he brings before the New York public.

Augustus Harris, over fighting for fresh fields to conquer, has hit upon a novelty which doubtless he will soon see in firing placards all over the bill posting places of the metropolis. He will introduce into the pantomime at Drury Lane a fox hunt with real horses and hounds after one of Caldo's pictures.

There has been much talk during the week of the possibility of Tunnyson being raised to the peerage. A morning paper “started the ball” and all the others followed suit, repetition being rife as to the title he would assume. The Laureate has himself written contradicting the statement. I have before me Mr. “Illustrated price list” of Doré, the book tailor, who advertises so extensively. In it I notice a dress for ladies worthy of remark. This is called the “Highland Fishing Costume.” It really looks very fetching, allowing I have never seen one worn, and seems the best solution of the garment ladies should wear when they wish to get rid of the encumbering petticoats. First there is a Tam o' Shanter hat, then there is a neat cutaway tweed jacket and waistcoat to match. Below these is a sort of Highland kilt, worn over knickerbockers, and a neat pair of gaiters, fitting close to the leg from the knee downwards, complete what looks a most comfortable and workmanlike outfit.

A most important decision has been recently given by the Football Association. It has been long known, that certain clubs have paid men to play for them though it has been difficult to bring the practice home. The “Agricultural Club” has at length been brought to book and “warned off” in consequence by the Football Association. I hear that it is by no means improbable that the Blackburn Olympics are more likely to be excommunicated for a like offence.

Nothinghamshire has taken a bold lead in cricket. It refuses to play against Lancashire on the objection of unfair bowling. Lancashire, whose style of throwing has so frequently caused bad blood, is at the bottom of this decision, which will doubtless bear fruit. All cricketers will be glad to hear that the Australians will be treated liberally. “Gates” are offered them on all sides.

I see Mr. Morris has stated before the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute that the impression that most of the rich soil of the West Indies is already under cultivation is most erroneous. In British Guiana cultivation has thus far been wholly confined to a strip of about fifteen miles near the sea coast. In British Honduras only about 10,000 acres, or less than the 100th part, has been under cultivation. In Trinidad only one tenth of the land is cultivated. Domingo, Tobago, and Grenada are equally well supplied with fine land at moderate prices.

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The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritania, all N. America, Mexico, Switzerland, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labrador, Hawaii, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route—
Letters, 10 cents per 1 oz.
Post Card, 8 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books, Patterns, &c., 2 cents per 2 oz.
Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Cape of Good Hope, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 5.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates—
Letters, 10 cents each.
Post Card, 8 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books, Patterns, &c., 2 cents per 2 oz.
Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.
(e) Between Hongkong, London, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for address in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressee rather than at the office of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, Bangkok, or the Ports to the East, may deliver them to the Post Office unattended, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first certified or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Parcel Post, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rate between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in Asia, as well as to Japan, Macao, Pakhoi, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, weight more than 5 lbs., nor be smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCELS, CONTAINING NO LETTERS, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General. In the case of Parcels for India a declaration of contents and value is required, and a printed form for which is supplied gratis. The Registration of Parcels for India and Ceylon is compulsory.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, 33 cents.
Half Day, 20 "

Three Hours, 12 "

One Hour, 5 "

Half Hour, 3 "

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

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Chair, Jinricksha, and Boat Hire.

UNIFORMED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinarily Pullaway Boats.

Half hour, 10 cents.

Three hours, 50 cents.

Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO SINGAPORE PEAK.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, \$1.00

Three Coolies, 0.85

Two Coolies, 0.70

Return (direct or by Pok-fu Lam).

Four Coolies, \$1.50

Three Coolies, 1.20

Two Coolies, 1.00

TO VICTORIA GAF (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT).

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, \$0.60

Three Coolies, 0.50

Two Coolies, 0.40

Return (direct or by Pok-fu Lam).

Four Coolies, \$1.00

Three Coolies, 0.85

Two Coolies, 0.70

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Firearms, Explosives, or articles of value, or liable to be crushed (as handboxes, &c.), Opium, Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ico, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. To India they are forwarded by the P. & O. and Indian Mail Packets only, to Ceylon by P. & O. only. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered, and then only to the amount of \$10.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the amount of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows—

Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.

Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal Administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, daguerotypes, handkerchiefs, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore B, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the P. &